

February 27, 2023

Manitowoc Common Council
900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220

Dear Common Council Members:

I am submitting this letter requesting reimbursement for the wheel tax that I paid to renew registration on my slingshot in February 27, 2023. The basis for the request is that in accordance with the city ordinance the wheel tax is applicable to motor vehicles and defined in 23.200 as an automobile or motor truck registered under Wis Stat §341.25(1)(c). This would exclude a motorcycle or autocycle. The actual ordinance step reads as follows:

(3) Definition. For purposes of this section, a "motor vehicle" means an automobile or motor truck registered under Wis. Stat. § 341.25(1)(c) at a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds that is registered in Wisconsin and customarily kept in the City of Manitowoc.

When I spoke with DMV prior to renewing my registration they indicated that I must pay it and take it up with the city to have the city correct the information with the state on what is collected. Based on the verbiage in the ordinance, collection of the wheel tax for my autocycle (which is classified as a motorcycle) is illegal.

I will also point out that it is my opinion that the entire wheel ordinance collected since its enactment is illegal due to the reference to Wis Stat §341.25(1)(c). This specific step in the statute reads as follows:

For each motor truck or dual purpose motor home, a fee to be determined in accordance with sub. (2) on the basis of the maximum gross weight of the vehicle. Maximum gross weight shall be determined by adding together the weight in pounds of the vehicle when equipped to carry a load as a motor truck and the maximum load in pounds which the applicant proposes to carry on the vehicle when used as a motor truck.

By specifying "(1)(c)" in the ordinance the wheel tax fee should not be collected on any vehicle other than a motor truck or dual purpose motor home.

Please refund \$20 for the registration of my autocycle and contact the state about collection of the wheeltax to update that the collection is not for autocycles. If you intend to continue to collect the wheeltax, I would suggest you update the Wisconsin State Statute referenced as well.

Sincerely,



Theresa. Fessler



Confirmation

You must click the "Continue" button below in order to return to the state agency's website.

Please keep a record of your Confirmation Number, or [print this page](#) for your records.

Confirmation Number **WISTVR044137101**

Payment Details

Description	WI DOT TVR Vehicle Registration Renewal http://www.wisconsin.dmv.gov
Payment Amount	\$80.00
Payment Date	02/28/2023
Status	SCHEDULED
Plate Number	SLNGR

Payment Method

Bank Routing Number	075900575
Bank Name	ASSOCIATED BANK GREEN BAY
Bank Account Number	*5845
Bank Account Type	Checking
Bank Account Category	Consumer
Confirmation Email	JUSTRERE@SBCGLOBAL.NET